Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Ypsilanti, MI

September 22, 2024 – 18th Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Key
P: Pastor
A: Assisting Ministers
C: Congregation

PRELUDE

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

TEMPLE TALK — Karen Facer

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.
C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

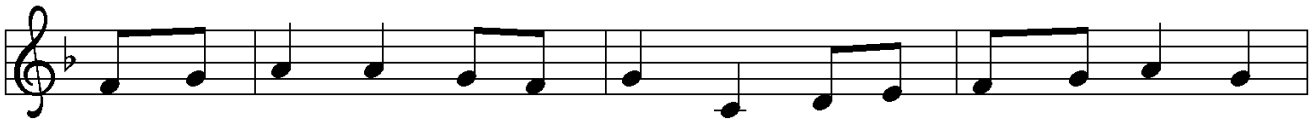
Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Gracious God,
C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips,
but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues.
The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes.
In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves.
We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.
In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.
Draw near to us with grace in time of need,
and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

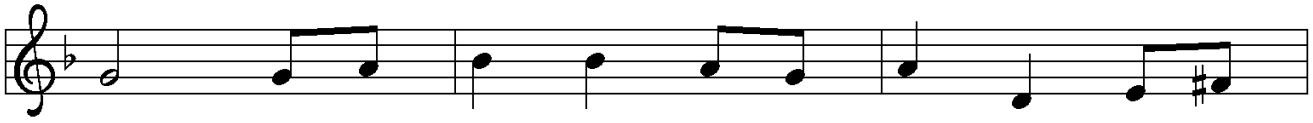
P: God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more.
By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ,
the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven.
C: Amen.

GATHERING SONG ELW 403

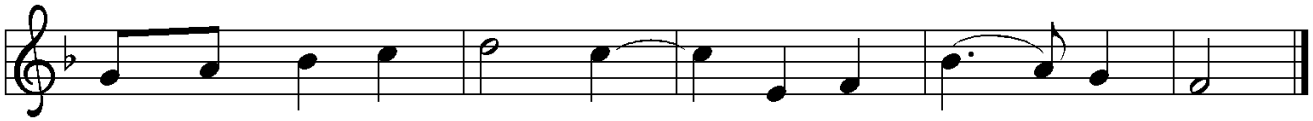
"Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song"



1 Like the mur - mur of the dove's song, like the chal - lenge of her
2 To the mem - bers of Christ's bod - y, to the branch - es of the
3 With the heal - ing of di - vi - sion, with the cease - less voice of



flight, like the vig - or of the wind's rush, like the
vine, to the church in faith as - sem - bled, to our
prayer, with the pow'r to love and wit - ness, with the



new flame's ea - ger might: come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.
midst as gift and sign: come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.
peace be - yond com - pare: come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944
Music: BRIDEGROOM, Peter Cutts, b. 1937
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GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

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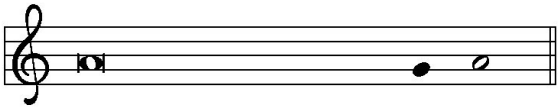

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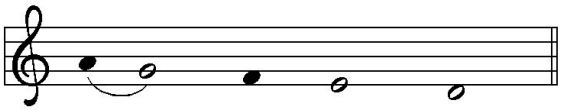

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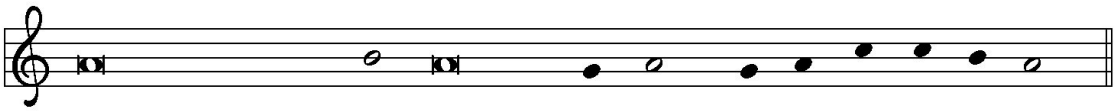
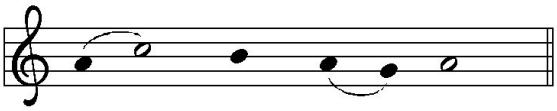


For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.



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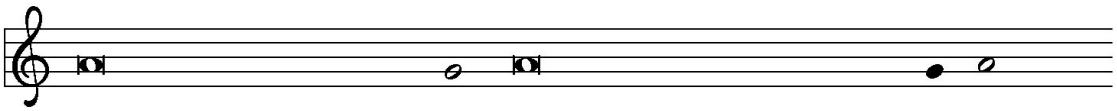
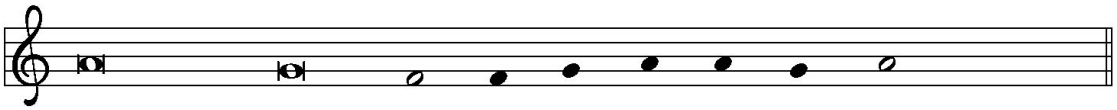
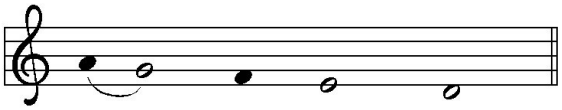


For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



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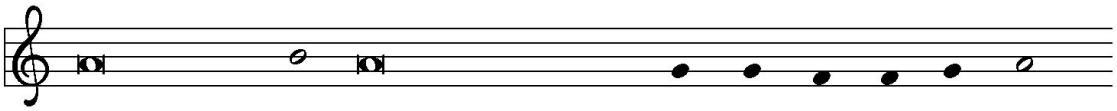
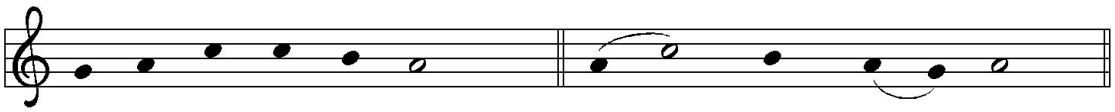
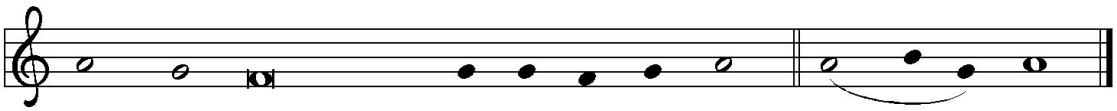


For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. **A - men.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

C: O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 11:18-20

Today's reading tells of the suffering of the prophet Jeremiah, who announced God's word to Judah but was met with intense opposition and persecution. Jeremiah continues to trust in God in the midst of his suffering.

A: A reading from Jeremiah.

[18]It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew;
then you showed me their evil deeds.
[19]But I was like a gentle lamb
led to the slaughter.
And I did not know it was against me
that they devised schemes, saying,
"Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,
let us cut him off from the land of the living,
so that his name will no longer be remembered!"
[20]But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously,
who try the heart and the mind,
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 54

God is my helper; it is the Lord who sustains my life. (Ps. 54:4)

[1]Save me, O God, by your name; in your might, defend my cause.
[2]**Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth.**
[3]For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless have sought my life,
those who have no regard for God.
[4]**Behold, God is my helper; it is the Lord who sustains my life.**
[5]Render evil to those who spy on me; in your faithfulness, destroy them.
[6]**I will offer you a freewill sacrifice and praise your name, O LORD, for it is good.**
[7]For you have rescued me from every trouble,
and my eye looks down on my enemies.

SECOND READING: James 3:13 – 4:3, 7-8a

The wisdom God gives unites our hearts and minds. Instead of living to satisfy our own wants and desires, we manifest this wisdom in peace, gentleness, mercy, and impartiality toward others.

A: A reading from James.

[13]Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. [14]But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. [15]Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. [16]For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. [17]But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. [18]And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

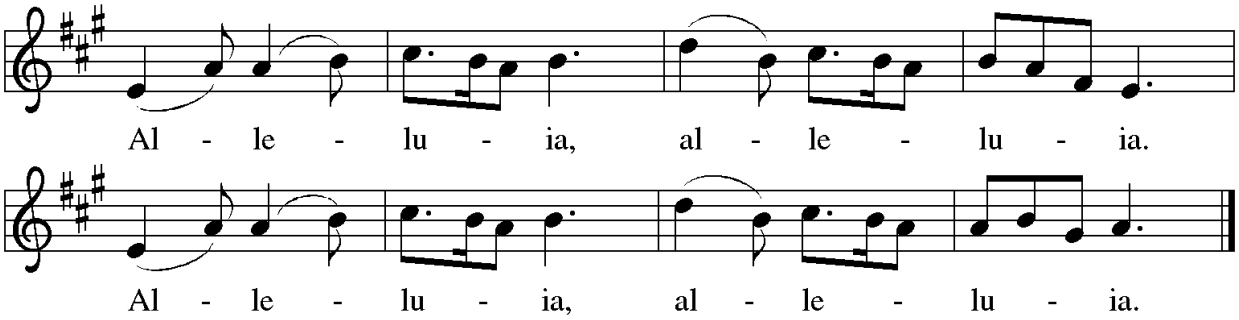
[4:1]Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? [2]You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. [3]You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

[7]Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. [8a]Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

A: The word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.



GOSPEL: Mark 9:30-37

Jesus' teaching and action in this text are directed to the church whenever it is seduced by the world's definition of greatness: prestige, power, influence, and money. The antidote to such a concern for greatness is servanthood.

P: The holy gospel according to Mark.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

30[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want
anyone to know it;31for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of
Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days
after being killed, he will rise again." 32But they did not understand what he was
saying and were afraid to ask him.
33Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them,
"What were you arguing about on the way?" 34But they were silent, for on the way
they had argued with one another who was the greatest. 35He sat down, called the
twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant
of all." 36Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his
arms, he said to them, 37"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes
me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

P: The gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Rev. Joshua Rinas

A special message for children.

SERMON

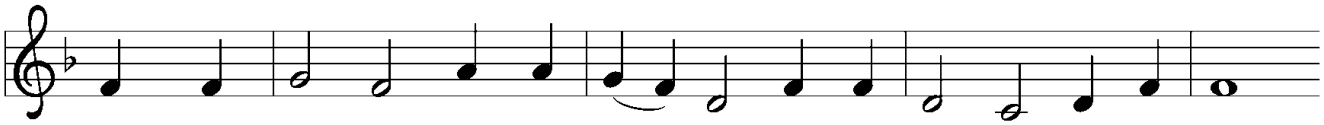
Rev. Joshua Rinas

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

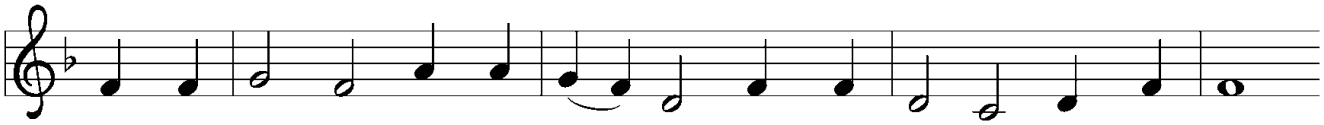
HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 712

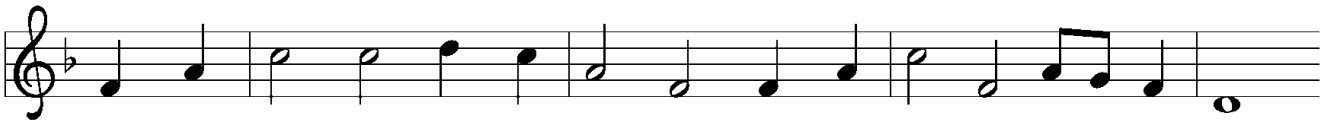
"Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service"



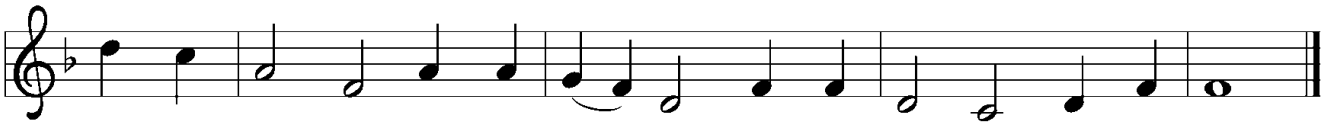
1 Lord, whose love in hum - ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu - man need,
2 Still your chil - dren wan - der home-less; still the hun - gry cry for bread;
3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal - ing light
4 Called by wor - ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, worked your mer-cy's per - fect deed:
still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up - on our quick-ened sight,
to the child, the youth, the a - ged, love in liv - ing deeds to show;



we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship not of voice a - lone, but heart;
As you, Lord, in deep com-pas - sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens your com-pas - sion bids us bear,
hope and health, good-will and com - fort, coun - sel, aid, and peace we give,



con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift which you im - part.
by your Spir - it send your pow - er to our world to make it whole.
stir - ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, your a - bun - dant life to share.
that your ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901–1984
Music: BEACH SPRING, *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844
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APOSTLES CREED

A: Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostle's Creed.

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died,
and was buried; he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the church, God's good creation, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

A: Loving God, you welcome all at your table of grace. Instill in your church a spirit of humility and curiosity, that we embrace all who seek you. We pray especially for ministries of hospitality and faith formation. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Creating God, you shape the world so there is more than enough for all. Curb our habits of overuse, and guide us toward more sustainable sources of energy, food, and water. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Gracious God, your peace brings justice and solidarity. Encourage peace among peoples, tribes, and nations; heal divisions in our country and local communities, that together we might cooperate for the good of all. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Faithful God, you draw near to you all who are in need. Bring healing and wholeness to all who suffer *especially Sheila, Lynn, Cora, Suzy, Sandy, John, and the friends and family of Barb.* Transform economic, political, and social systems that oppress vulnerable people, especially systems of structural racism and generational poverty. Hear us, O God.
C: Your mercy is great.

A: Transforming God, you accompany all through changes and transitions. Help us to see where you are calling this community to new ways of living the gospel promise; assure us that even as change brings loss, it also brings hope and life. Hear us, O God.
C: Your mercy is great.

A: For what else does this congregation pray? Prayers may be said aloud, typed into the live chat box, or silently in your hearts…

Brief Pause for the congregation to respond.

A: Merciful God, you embrace us on our final pilgrimage from this life. Accompany all who have died, console those who mourn, and at the last, show us the way to eternal life in you. Hear us, O God.
C: Your mercy is great.

A: We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved child, Jesus Christ, our Savior.
C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

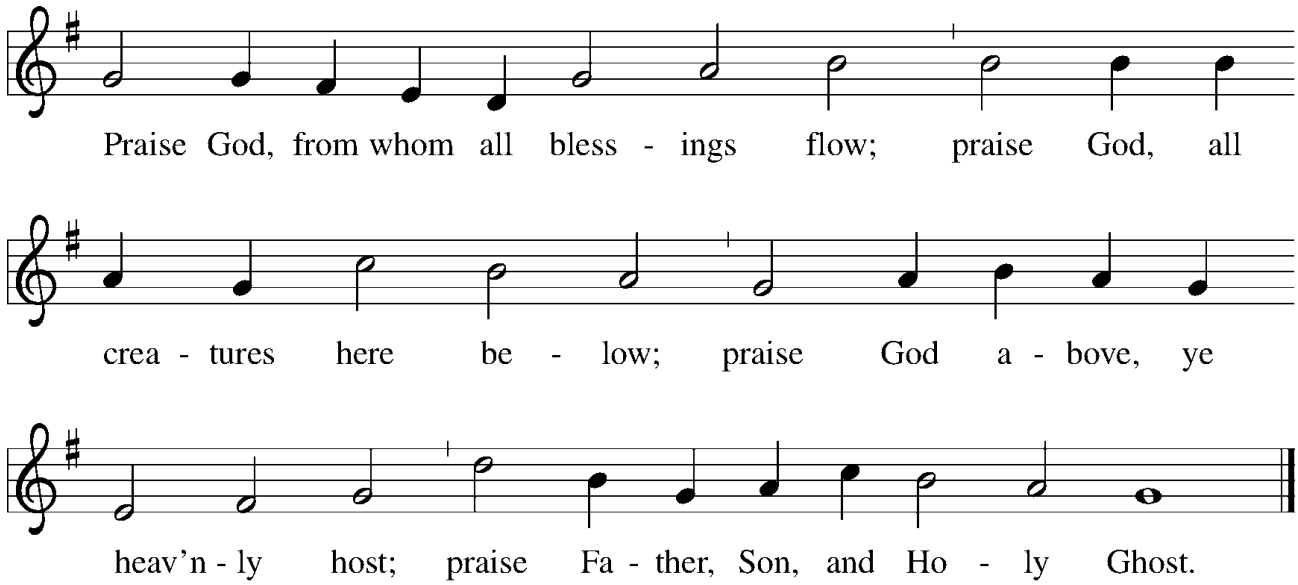
P: The peace of Christ be with you always.
C: And also with you.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN- *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"*



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Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Blessed are you, O God,
source of every gift of your creation.
By these gifts and with our lives,
help us to serve one another and all in need,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
C: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

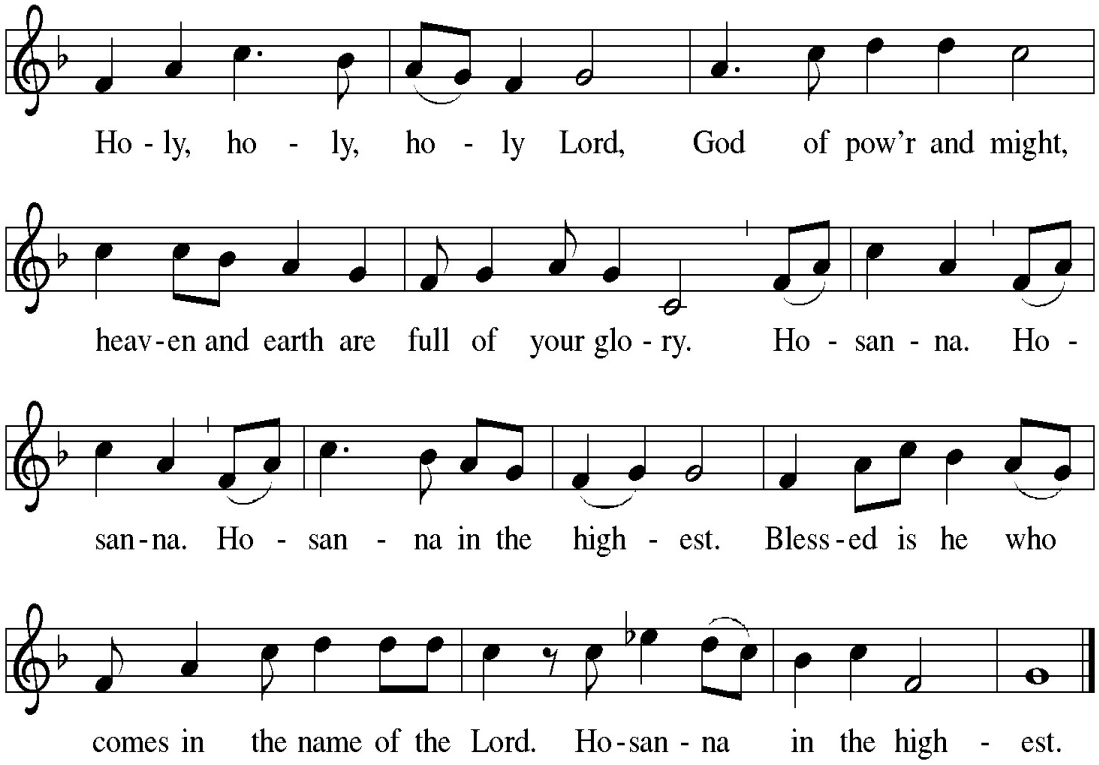
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: O God triune, how majestic is your name in all the earth. Over the eons your merciful might evolved our home, a fragile tree of life. Here by your wisdom are both life and death, growth and decay, the nest and the hunt, sunshine and storm, darkness and light. Sustained by these wonders, we creatures of dust join in the ancient song: The earth is full of your glory.

C: The earth is full of your glory.

P: O God triune, you took on our flesh in Jesus our healer. In Christ you bring life from death; we remember his cross, we laud his resurrection. Broken like bread, he enlivens our body. Outpoured like wine, he fills the earth with goodness. Receiving this mystery, we mortals sing our song: The earth is full of your glory.

C: The earth is full of your glory.

P: We praise you for the heart of Jesus, so filled with your love for this earth.

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

P: Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

P: Gathered around this table, we your children unite in this song: The earth is full of your glory.

C: The earth is full of your glory.

P: O God triune, you create the worlds, you uphold the living, you embrace the dead. Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth. Strengthen us for our journey with this meal, the body and blood of Christ. Give us a future that trusts in you and cares for your earth. Empowered by your promises, we rise from our deaths to praise you again: The earth is full of your glory.

C: The earth is full of your glory.

P: Amen, and amen.

C: Amen, and amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

The presiding minister may introduce the Lord's Prayer.

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, here is your God.

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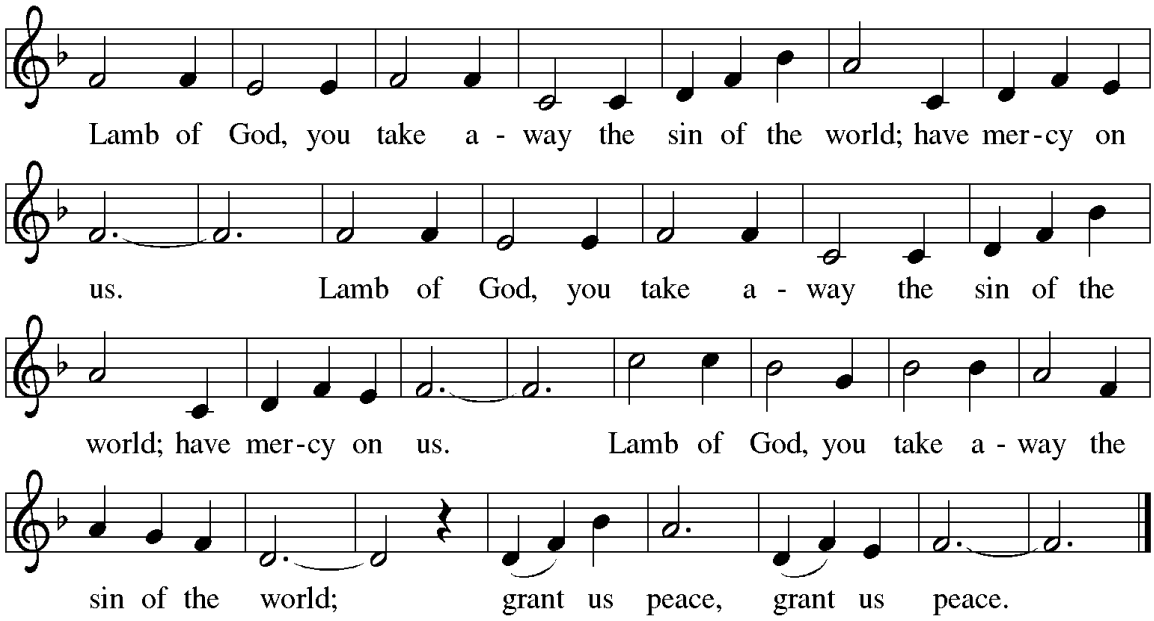

COMMUNION

"Lead Me, Guide Me"

Refrain

Lead me, guide me, a - long the way;
for if you lead me, I can - not stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

1 I am weak and I need thy strength and pow'r
2 Help me tread in the paths of righ - teous - ness,
3 I am lost if you take your hand from me,

to help me o - ver my weak - est hour.
be my aid when Sa - tan and sin op - press.
I am blind with - out . . . thy light to see.

Help me through the dark - ness thy face to see.
I am put - ting all . . . . my trust in thee.
Lord, just al - ways let me thy ser - vant be.

Refrain

Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

Text: Doris Akers, 1922–1995
Music: Doris Akers
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LEAD ME, GUIDE ME
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P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in eternal life.
C: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray.
C: Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal
and fed us with dignity at your table.
Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING

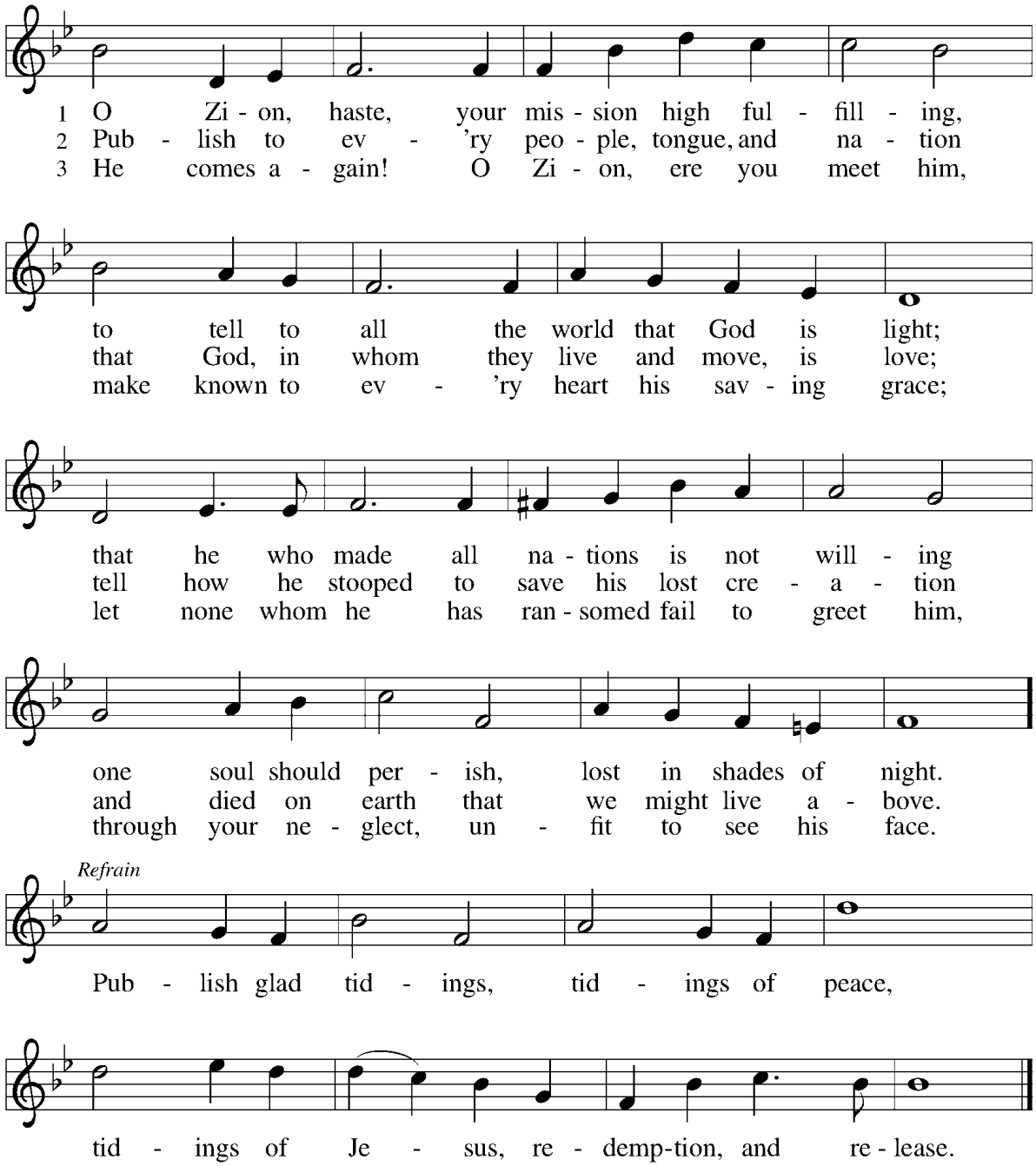
God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

P: God all mighty,
God most merciful
✠ bless you, keep you,
and give you peace.
C: Amen.

SENDING SONG ELW 668

"O Zion, Haste"



Text: Mary A. Thomson, 1834–1923
Music: ANGELIC SONGS, James Walch, 1837–1901

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Follow Jesus.
C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome! If this is your first time with us, please add your name and information to our Guest book located in the Narthex, we would love to connect with you.
*Hearing assistance devices and cushions are available in the back pew. Please help yourself!
*Children's bulletins available, please see an usher.

Please remember to wear your Name Tag
It's a help for visitors and folks you may not have seen for a while. If you need a new Name tag, please let Jennifer know.

Sunday Music Time with Jamie and Alexa
All youth are welcome to participate in an uplifting and informative weekly music class held in the music education room at Emmanuel. The class begins just after the Children's Message during the service and youth will return to their families around the offertory. Students will learn sacred songs, play musical games, and have a weekly dose of ear-training and basic music theory. Join us as we lift up our voices in praise!

September 22nd
Reminder: Following service today Karen Facer will be sharing about her time spent at Holden Village. If you have ever wondered where Holden Evening Prayer, the service Emmanuel has used for Lenten services, was written? It was written the winter of 1985-1986 by Marty Haugen while he was on staff at Holden Village, in the Cascade Mountains of Washington State.

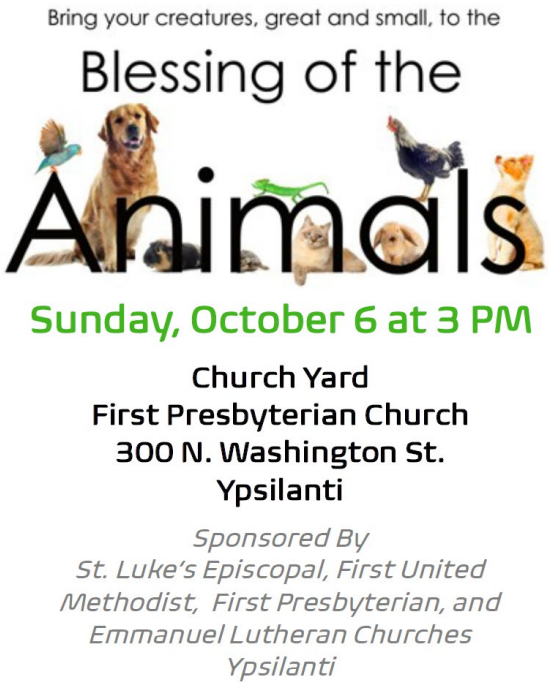
Ypsilanti Area CROP Hunger Walk
Members of our Church family are welcome once again to walk as part of the Ypsilanti Area CROP Hunger Walk, on October 13th, helping in the fight against hunger here at home and in many other places around the world. We would love to have your support.

Local charities that we support with 25% of donations through this Walk are: Brown Chapel, Good Samaritan Kitchen, Hope Clinic food pantry, SOS Community Services food pantry, Ypsilanti Meals On Wheels.

You can safely make a donation to support us here:
https://events.crophungerwalk.org/cropwalks/event/ypsilantimi

October 6th

Blessing of the Pets Sunday. In observance of the fest day of St. Francis (October 4), there will be a pet blessing at the 10am worship service on Sunday, October 6th. If you have any pets in your life, make sure they come to worship, whether in-person or online. If you're not comfortable bringing your actual pet, feel free to bring a memento such as a photo or collar instead.



Food Pantry Needs

The Food Pantry still has an ongoing need for boxes to pack with canned goods. Any box 12 inch x 12 inch x 12 inch but not bigger than 16 inch x 16 inch x 16 inch is used. Shoe boxes are too small. The food pantry boxes need to hold at least 13 cans of food, a box of raisins, a box of macaroni and cheese, a bag of rice, a bag of cereal and a box of pasta. Boxes can be set near the Food Pantry shelves in the Gathering Area. Thank you!

Worship Volunteers Needed!

Sign up on the sheet outside the office or call the office (734-482-7121).

Or through sign-up genius.

Assisting Ministers - Click here

Or Scan QR code

Altar Flower Sign up - Click here

Or Scan QR code

This Week at Emmanuel

Sunday, Sept 22 – 18th Sunday after Pentecost

- Handbell Choir 8:45am
- **Worship 10:00am**
- Holden Village Presentation with Karen Facer
- **Coffee Hour 11:00am – 12:00pm**
- Bethel Service 12:00pm
- Scouts 6:00pm

Tuesday, September 24

- Reach for the Stars Exercise Class 10:30am
- Refresh Committee 11:30am – 1:30pm
- Food Delivery 1:00pm

Wednesday, September 25

- Clothes Closet 9:00am – 10:30am
- **Bible Study Class 12:30pm – 2:00pm**
- Food Pantry 3:00pm – 5:00pm

Thursday, September 26

- Reach for the Stars Exercise Class 9:30am
- YCC 7:00pm – 9:00pm

Friday, September 27

- NA Meeting 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Sunday, Sept 29 – 19th Sunday after Pentecost

- Handbell Choir 8:45am
- **Worship 10:00am**
- **Coffee Hour 11:00am – 12:00pm**
- Bethel Service 12:00pm
- Scouts 6:00pm

The flowers on the altar today are given to the Glory of God.

For those with young children: Emmanuel's "Pray-Ground", located at the front of the church, was established as a positive, welcoming experience for children in church. Many churches have begun using this feature which gives small children a space to squirm, quietly play with soft toys, books, and do arts and crafts. Parents may want to sit nearby to monitor children, don't worry about noise! We encourage everyone with little ones to give this a try. Older siblings may assist the younger ones if they like.

Prayers requested for: Sheila, Lynn, Cora, Suzy, Sandy, John, and the friends and family of Barb.

Ways to Give: Giving can be done online by clicking here. Or mail checks to: Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 201 N. River St., Ypsilanti, MI 48198.
Text to Give: Text 734-548-9438. Simply text the amount you would like to give and follow the prompts.
Paypal: Select payment type "Friends and Family" using emmanuelypsi@gmail.com. Please indicate account (general fund, flowers, memorials, etc.) where it says add message.
Mobile App: Download the Vanco Payments Mobile app for free from Google Play. In the app, select your fund and amount, enter a payment method and complete the donation.

Links:
Livestream Worship - https://www.youtube.com/@emmanuelypsi
Giving Online - Online donation
Clothes Closet - ClothesCloset@emmanuelypsi.org
Food Pantry - FoodPantry@emmanuelypsi.org

Serving in Worship:
Interim Pastor..... Rev. Joshua Rinas
Minister of Worship Music..... David Meitzler
Minister of Choral Conducting..... Jamie Gallupe
Assisting Minister ..... Wendy Thompson

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